

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ANTHONY L. GAINES,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 05-555-JJF
)	
THOMAS CARROLL,)	
Warden, and M. JANE)	
BRADY, Attorney)	
General of the State)	
of Delaware,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

O R D E R

WHEREAS, you have filed a form petition seeking federal habeas corpus relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254; and

WHEREAS, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2244, effectively precludes petitioners from filing a second or subsequent habeas petition except in the most unusual of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has mandated that, before ruling on the merits of your petition, you must be given notice that the AEDPA applies to your pending petition, see United States v. Miller, 197 F.3d 644 (3d Cir. 1999) and Mason v. Meyers, 208 F.3d 414 (3d Cir. 2000).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 22 day of August, 2005, that, on or before September 30, 2005,

you must file with the Court, the attached election form.

Failure to timely return the completed election form will result in the Court's ruling on your pending petition as filed.


United States District Judge